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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that the Justice Department is seeking input, regarding the proposed settlement in the Microsoft lawsuit.

As a small business owner, I understand competition and know that it is healthy for our economy. I use Microsoft products daily in my business and they have been a great help to me. They have allowed me to better serve my customers clients, to manage our business and to actually expand.

Given the state of our economy right now, we should do everything possible to spur growth, not hinder it.

There has been no consumer harm as a result of any actions taken by Microsoft. Microsoft's innovations have, in fact, have helped many small businesses like mine grow.

It is also my understanding that an additional benefit to settling the suit is the proposal to donate about 200,000 computers to the public schools. I think this is a great idea. We need workers who are computer literate.

I would suggest that we end this action and approve the settlement.

Sincerely yours,



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